

And upon this question hinges all our future hopes and our future joys.

And while our logic might be baffled in wrestling with this mighty problem, Divine revelation comes to our rescue and removes all our doubts and fears. But Divine revelation is not responsible for the origin of this doctrine. Among all the nations of the earth the idea of immortality has been held. This should be conclusive evidence that the doctrine is true. It was no doubt this principle that gave rise among the ancient Hindus to the doctrine of the transmigration of the soul. It prompted the ancient Egyptians to invent a system of embalming that would preserve the body for thousands of years so that at the return of the soul the body might be found in a proper state for the reception of the spirit.

Among civilized and uncivilized nations on continents and on islands from the remotest dawn of antiquity this doctrine has been retained.

Whence came it and who was its author? Until this question is satisfactorily answered we shall continue to believe that it was stamped upon the very nature of man by the Creator himself.

Again scientists tell us that you cannot annihilate anything. That while you may change the form you cannot destroy the substance. If matter cannot be annihilated how much less spirit.

The resurrection of the body is only according to scientific principles. Shall a grain of wheat fall into the earth, decay and die and yet germinate and reproduce its own?

Is not the human body, this wonderful piece of mechanism, compared with which the most cunning piece of man's workmanship is but a bungling performance, not of as much value in the sight of God as a grain of wheat or the tiny seed?

Again, man's work being immortal why should he not be immortal himself? We speak of the immortal Washington of the immortal Lincoln and of the immortal Webster forgetting that every man's life is immortal no matter how insignificant it may appear to us.

The influence that a man exerts in the world for good or evil is stamped with the seal of immortality. This truth is substantiated by holy writ which declares that a man's works shall follow him. Shall a man's works live and the man himself not live? All these blessed truths taught by the book of nature are confirmed and clarified from all error by Divine revelation.

This book of which Daniel Webster said that his heart assured and reassured him that it was a divine reality—comes to remove all our doubts and fears and comfort our hearts. It tells us that those blessed hopes that we shall meet again shall not be crushed within us, that the longings of our souls shall be satisfied. That if a man die he shall live again.

Job, this ancient philosopher who asked the question, answers it by saying: "For I know that my Redeemer liveth and that he

shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and tho after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not another."

And Christ the Savior who restored to life the son of the widow of Nain and called Lazarus from the grave and who demonstrated by his own resurrection that we shall live again, declares: "I am the resurrection and the life and tho a man were dead yet shall he live."

"And this is the will of him that sent me that everyone which seeth the Son and believeth on him, may have everlasting life and I will raise him up at the last day."

And John declares that whosoever hath the Son hath life and whoever hath not the Son of God hath not life.

The scientific world has fully demonstrated that there is no life without an antecedent life. That spontaneous generation cannot give life. That the lower kingdom has no power over the higher, but that the higher may give life to the lower. And as the vegetable kingdom gives life to the mineral kingdom, so the spiritual kingdom must give eternal life to the natural man. Jesus Christ came from that higher kingdom that men might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.

"He that hath the Son hath life and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

The truths taught by the book of nature and confirmed by the book of revelation, calm our fears, solace our sorrows and heal the Christian's wounds.

And while a great man has fallen in Israel, his life has many valuable lessons for us to learn. His remarkable career demonstrates that a man may succeed without riches or influential friends. That industry, integrity and economy will succeed under the most adverse circumstances. That a man to have friends must show himself friendly. That a man may occupy positions of honor and trust and still retain his integrity and Christianity.

That the American people are willing to support and honor the man that will do right. That a man may be a good citizen and energetic business man and still not neglect his higher calling, which pertains to the service of his Master. And now may we all be willing to be guided by the Divine hand that made us, and we shall be successful in life and victorious in death.

Thy Neighbor

Thy neighbor? It is he whom thou
Hast power to aid and bless,
Whose aching heart or burning brow
Thy soothing hand may press.

Thy neighbor? 'Tis the fainting poor,
Whose eye with want is dim:
Whom hunger sends from door to door:
Go, then, and succor him.

—Unidentified.

"The man who is fond of books is usually the man of lofty thought and of elevated opinions."

Home Circle

RECOMPENSE

MARJORY C. NEWTON

Never a falling rain-drop
Without a sunbeam fair;
Never a burden too heavy
For tired shoulders to bear;
Never a thorn in your pathway
But is hidden beneath the rose;
Never a pain but some pleasure
Brightens the day at its close.

Never a night of sorrow
But dawns the morning bright;
Never the deep'ning darkness
But is followed by the light;
Never a heart that is broken
But always has its cure;
Never a disappointment
Too bitter to endure.

Never a loss that is heavy
But follows a gain twofold;
Never a cross for you, my friend,
But has its crown of gold;
Never a deed of kindness
But reaps a harvest of love,
Never a prayer from the heart
But is answered from above.

Never a life of patience
But has its own reward;
Never a pleading with some poor soul
But points him heavenward;
Never an act, a word, a deed
In your life of smiles and tears,
But sows in the heart of another the seed
That will blossom in after years.

—Sel.

HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY HOME

SUSIE E. PROCTOR

How happy is the home wherein Christ dwelleth! That current of unbounded love and peace that God has in store for us cannot but make our homes happy and beautiful when we throw open the doors and windows of our hearts and homes and allow that flood to enter. It is like the beautiful rays of the morning sun. How naturally we open the blinds of our windows these pleasant mornings and let the sunshine in. It is natural that we crave the beautiful sunshine.

But there are many homes that do not and will not open their doors and admit therein that most beautiful beam of sunshine and glorious of messengers—Love. When you are admitted for a short time as a visitor into such apparently beautiful and happy home, you think to yourself, "How happy these people must be with so many advantages." Ah! but look back of all this pomp and show and in many cases you will find wrangling and bitterness of spirit between different members of that family. Your heart grows heavy and your happiness is marred while you are there and when you leave you carry the impression with you. The cause of all this is that Christ is not there for where Christ is, contention is not.

Go now into another home where God is made the idol and Christ the example. The whole house and surroundings seem different. There is so much peace and